

Financial Disclosures

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What is this for?	This packet contains the forms to complete financial disclosures, which are mandatory in Dissolution (divorce), Legal Separation, Nullity, or Domestic Partner dissolution cases.
Step 1: Fill out the forms	Declaration of Disclosure (FL-140) Schedule of Assets and Debts (FL-142) Income and Expense Declaration (FL-150)
	See page two of these instructions for definitions and FAQs.
Step 2: Give your spouse/partner a copy of your forms	Make 1 copy of each of the above forms. Mail or hand the copies to your spouse/partner. Keep the originals for your records. Unlike other documents in this court process, you can hand or mail the paperwork directly to your spouse/partner yourself. You do not have to ask a third party to do it.
Step 3: Fill out form FL-141	After you mail or give a copy of the forms to your spouse/partner fill out: Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure (FL-141) This is your sworn statement that you gave a copy of the forms to your spouse/partner. You cannot fill out this form until you have actually given the forms to your spouse/partner.
Step 4: File the FL-141 & FL-150 with the court	Make 1 copy of your completed Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure (FL-141) and 1 copy of the Income and Expense Declaration (FL-150). Paperclip and two-hole punch the originals on top. Do not staple the originals. The copies may be stapled. Group the originals and copies of the same documents together for filing. Get a number ticket for "Family Law" at the kiosk on the 1st floor of the Courthouse. File the paperwork with the clerk when your number is called.
Next steps:	If you and your spouse agree about all issues in your case and have exchanged the financial disclosures with each other, you can visit the Self-Help Center to finish your case.



If you and your spouse **do not agree** about all issues in your case and have exchanged the financial disclosures with each other, you can make a settlement appointment to work with an attorney who will help you come to agreement.

If you and your spouse **do not agree** about all issues in your case **or your spouse is not cooperating to finish your case** you can ask the court to set your case for trial.

Visit the Self-Help Center to learn more about your options to get a Judgment in your case.

Definitions and FAQs:

What is the purpose of filling out and exchanging Financial Disclosures?

For the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership, or grant a legal separation or nullity, you need to disclose ALL information about your income, things you own and things you owe. Both you and your spouse/partner must know what financial issues are on the table and what may be divided by the court. The court needs to know that you have shared this information with them EVEN IF you and your spouse have already divided everything or you think they don't have any right to the item(s). For categories that do not apply to you, write "None." Do NOT leave anything blank on the forms. There can be severe consequences if you leave items off this form.

<u>Separate Property</u>: Items owned/acquired before your marriage, after the date of separation or received by gift or inheritance, even if received during the marriage. This includes items like cars, houses, debts, bank accounts, retirement accounts/pensions.

<u>Community Property</u>: Property owned/acquired from your marriage date to the date of separation, regardless of who is on title or whose name is on the account. This includes items like cars, houses, debts, bank accounts, retirement accounts/pensions. Some things like retirement plans can be both separate property *and* community property

Do I need to attach anything to the Financial Disclosure forms?

Yes, you must attach your paystubs, your most recent 2 years' tax returns, bank, retirement plan, credit card statements, etc.

Why Should I Use a Property Declaration instead of a Schedule of Assets and Debts?

If your spouse will not sign a written agreement with you, it is best to use the Property
Declaration (FL-160) instead of the Schedule of Assets and Debts (FL-142). You will need to fill out two different Property Declaration forms: one for community property and one for separate property. On the form for community property, you must show how you think the property should be divided (the columns on the far right of the form). On the form for separate property, you must show which spouse the property belongs to.



Where can I get the forms?

- The blank forms listed in these instructions can be found online at www.courts.ca.gov/forms
- 2. You can get the form packets through the court's **Self-Help Center** or buy them at the **Court Clerk's counter**.
- 3. For an app that helps you fill out the Income and Expense Declaration *only*, go to <u>caguideandfile.com</u>
 - Click "Start Your Legal Process", then
 - Click "Income and Expense Declaration"
 - Answer the questions, save your work, and at the end you can print out the forms.

Where can I get help or more information?

- You can hire a private attorney for a free or low-cost consultation.
- If you do not have an attorney, you can get help from the court's Self-Help Center located at the Gibson Courthouse, 10820 Justice Center Dr., Roseville. Online appointments and limited walk-ins are available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (Wednesday open until 3:00 p.m.). Schedule online appointments at www.placer.courts.ca.gov and search for online appointments.
- Visit www.courts.ca.gov
 - o Click "Self-Help" on the tabs and select "Divorce or Separation" in the dropdown menu
- Read:
 - Legal Steps for a Divorce or Legal Separation (FL-107-INFO)